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Viciously destructive vandals have taken their razors and knives to library books causing much damage and hurting those who must use these books. First-year journalism student Denise Sedore indicates the nasty work done by the vandals. (Photo by Freeman)

$1.5 million grant

To make Niagara top training centre

By DIANE UJFALUSSY
Staff Writer

A $1.52 million grant awarded Niagara College, "will make Niagara College on of the best equipped and industrial centres in the province," Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, said.

Bette Stephenson, provincial education minister, announced the grant was awarded from the Canada Employment and Immigration Commissioner and the Skilled Growth Fund which was established by a federal act, the National Training Act of August, 1982, in addition to the $8 million allocated to colleges from the Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD).

The federal government approved $18,600,000, $14,700,000 of which has already been awarded to colleges in Ontario and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. An additional $5 million has yet to be awarded. Twenty-eight million dollars was made in submissions by colleges for the grant money.

"All monies coming to Niagara will be spent on one large project and two small ones," Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of student and information services, said. "Whereever possible money has to be spent before the end of the fiscal year—March 31."

RENOVATIONS, EQUIPMENT

The money will be spent on renovations and buying of equipment for the welder-fitter program at Welland Vale. A smaller portion, $154,000, will go to upgrade two other skilled trades: the industrial mechanics program and the tool and die program.

"The welding facilities are now stretched to their very maximum," Miss Robarts said. "There are two shifts every day and classes on Saturday and Sunday. Some welders may come back to school to get their skills upgraded; therefore they may become better qualified."

The statement for the allocation of funds for colleges was originally made by Lloyd Axworthy, federal minister of labor, and was announced in this area by Gib Parent, Welland member of parliament.

"About 18 months ago, Mr. Axworthy and his cohorts in Ottawa became concerned because the federal government was not getting enough credit for money they were spending in this area," Miss Robarts said. "The college is most anxious to make it known that this expansion would not have been possible without the federal government." I was very pleased when Gib Parent phoned last Friday to give me information that the money was awarded to Niagara College. We must be doing something right."

TAKES OVER

Miss Robarts is accepting the over-all responsibility for the project. Dr. McCardell will take over th responsibility in her absence.

Miss Robarts met Tuesday with a team from planning and development set up to handle the money within the short term of time given the college to spend it.

George Repar, director of planning nd development, is responsible for the purchasing equipment. Jack Spittle, dorector of plant and property, and his staff are wroking onthe physical facilities. Gary LaRose, executive director of administrative services, is in charge of the accounting and purchasing staff for administrative details. Also on the team are Doug Campbell, chairman at Welland Vale; George Kovacs, teacher in development work, and Marvin Nash, program co-ordinator of the welding program.

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Knife-happy vandals slash library books

Knife-wielding vandals are causing great damage to library books and must be stopped, Stephen Kees, chief librarian at Niagara College, told the Niagara News.

Mr. Kees estimated that between $300 and $400 in damage is caused each year by this form of destructiveness.

"It is sheer deliberate vandalism," he said, pointing out perfect holes and slashes left by one book-destroyer.

They were French books full of fine color photographs and diagrams and will be reordered at some cost and difficulty.

These books each cost $15.

This kind of vandalism—the complete excision of parts of books—is common in libraries across the country and is very difficult to detect and stop.

A person caught destroying and defacing library material would face a charge of damage to college property and Mr. Kees is not sure what measures the college would take.

The least the library would do would be to force the culprit to replace the book. Whether the college would take it any further, Mr. Kees could not say.

The library does have a list of students whose borrowing privileges have been rescinded but the matter at hand is more serious and requires an equally serious deterrent.

It is an act of "malice aforethought" and concerns everyone who uses the library, Mr. Kees said.

Ice cream lovers, come to pig out

Snowfest '83 begins today. Hip-hip-hooray!

If you have an ear for music, you'll enjoy the performance to be given in the cafeteria from 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. Eastdale Senior Band will do their best; you just have to do the rest.

If ice cream is your weakness then you're a prime candidate for the banana-split-eating contest in the cafeteria. If not, you can just come for the show. It's from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. and you can enter at the Student Administrative Council (SAC) office.

The theme of tomorrow's fashion show is Rags to Riches, and it's going to be a show even Cinderella would be proud of. It's in the Hamilton room at noon, and will only cost $1. (The night show will start at 8 p.m. and cost $2.)

You'll be in the dark, but not left out if you get together a team for the blind volleyball tournament. Sign up at the SAC office, and be ready to hit the gym courts from noon till 2.

Come dressed for the cold cause Wednesday is Great White North Dress Up Day. Wear your toques and lumberjackets because you'll have to brave the brisk morning air to make it to the pancake breakfast in the cafeteria. It's run from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., and costs $1.25 for all you can eat.

Judging for the best-dressed Great White Northerner will take place in the cafeteria from 8:45 to 9 a.m. Second prize is a free pub ticket.

Show to be best yet

Despite poor ticket sales, fashion art students are hoping their fashion show, scheduled for tomorrow, will be one of the most succesful yet.

Rags to Riches—the title of this year's show, which is an annual event done by the fashion art students—will be held tomorrow in the Hamilton Room at noon and at 8 p.m.

The students chose to use the poor economic situtation and its effects on lifestyles as the theme for this year's show. The students are now working on the finishing touches for tomorrow's show. Tickets have not been selling too well but a large turnout is still expected. Tickets can still be bought in the Fashion Boutique. The tickets are $1 for the afternoon show and $2 for the evening show.

Some posters, advertising the show have disappeared from around the college, fashion arts students said.

DIANE UJFALUSSY

Half a dream come true

By DIANE UJFALUSSY
Staff Writer

She's been criticized and idolized. She is said to be one of the world's most beautiful women—the proverbial spoon-fed child. But Elizabeth Taylor, despite her glamorous image, is not the heartless, spoiled, self-centred person the press often makes her out to be, but rather a caring, warm person, a humanitarian who is genuinely interested in all peoples' well-being.

Having seen through all the unflattering statements of how "Taylor is getting old; Taylor is getting fat; Taylor is a spoiled publicity seeker," I vowed to prove all demeaning statements untrue.

I set out on my "mission" to right the wrongs she had been done, to undo, or make better, that which had been in error; to clear up all the misunderstandings.

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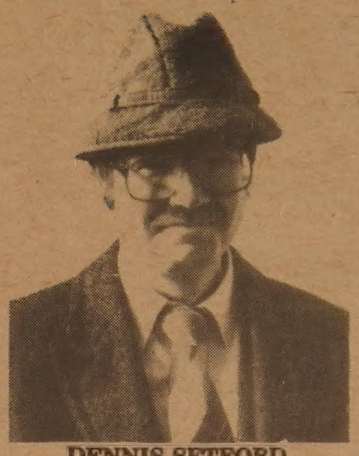
ELIZABETH TAYLOR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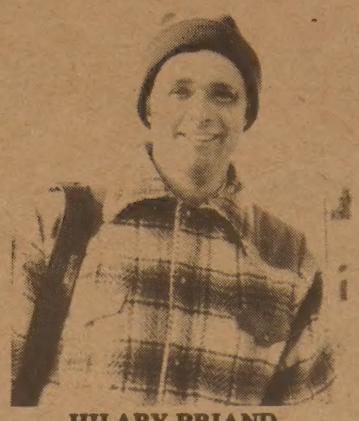
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Hats: Worn for reasons as varied as their owners, fashion, warmth, fun in all shapes & sizes

By GLORIA RIZZUTI
Staff Writer

Hats off to the inventor of the hat! The concept is so simple, so useful, and serves so many purposes.

Hats are worn for many reasons: for fashion, to be amusing and, most commomly, for warmth.

There are plain hats, extravagant hats and Easter hats. There are baseball caps, cowboy hats and fedoras. Of course, there is always the famous Canadian toque.

Last Wednesday I decided to hunt out some people on campus who wear hats. I counted 100 people in one hour—but only seven wearing hats. And it's mid-winter!

The first person I came across was a salesman, Dennis Setford, visiting the college. His fedora, which he's had for two years, was a Christmas present from his daughter. Mr. Serford, who couldn't avoid laughing, said, "I have other fedoras, but I always seem to grab this one."

Hilary Briand, a maintenance man at the college, has owned his blue toque for nine years.

Lynn Dunbar, first-year early childhood student, was the first girl I found wearing a hat. It is one of about 20 in her hat collection. Lynn often wears hats to keep warm and to "make others laugh."

Susan Brown, first-year general college student, said her warm, woollen hat from Scotland is three or four years old.

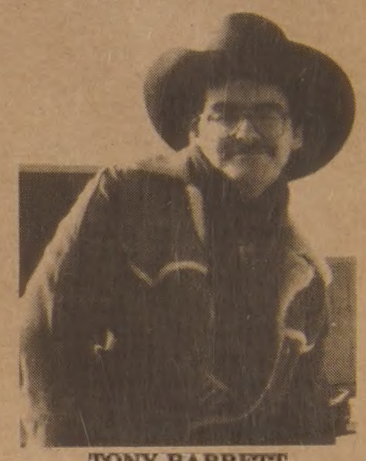
That's when my luck ran out. Then I was forced to resort to my fellow students for help.

Kathy Stewart, second-year journalism, has owned her peak cap for two years but only started wearing it a few months ago. She wears it because it keeps her head warm.

Tony Barrett, second-year journalism, wears his hat every day. The hat from High River, Alberta, is not a cowboy hat; it's a western stetson, Tony said. He has been wearing that style of hat "about five years on and off."

Peter Cronin, second-year journalism, has been wearing his Greek fisherman's hat about 1½ years. The pure wool hat, made in Greece, is from Lunenburg, N.S.

Finally, I was fortunate enough to run into Uncle Bob. (See picture) Unfortunately Uncle Bob didn't have much to say about his hat, but I concluded he's been wearing it for quite a while and will never take it off!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PETER CRONIN

UNCLE BOB

STUDENT ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES...

Snowfest '83

Get into winter this year

Come to SAC office for further details.

Monday Jan. 31	12:10-1:30	Eastdale Sr. Band will be performing on stage in the cafeteria. "For your dining pleasure." Come enjoy the music.
	12:30-12:45	Dairy Queen Banana Split Eating Contest - enter at SAC. To take place in the cafeteria. Prizes include plaque and certificates.
Tuesday Feb. 1	12:00 $1.00 noon $2.00 night	Fashion Show...Hamilton Room produced by Fashion Art Students
	12:00-2:00	Blind Volleyball Tournament - Gym
Wednesday Feb. 2	Great White North Dress Up Day!	
	7:30-9:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast - Cafeteria $1.25 all you can eat! Get there early.
	8:45-9:30 a.m.	Judging for Great White North Dress Up - prizes include free pub tickets, and plaque.
Thursday Feb. 3	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Finals for Blind Volleyball - Gym.
	12:30-2:00 p.m.	Hay Rides - leaving from Cafeteria
	1:00-2:00 p.m.	Tug-of-War Competition - between Merriti Building and Black Walnut Building your team of 10 at S.A.C. Prizes include medalions.
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	NBMA Spaghetti Sale and Hot Chocolate - Tecumseh Foyer.
	10 p.m. approx.	Quebec Winter Carnival Bus leaves the college.
Friday Feb. 4	Video Cinema Presents: "Animal House."- in Hamilton Room, no charge - starts at 12:10 p.m.	
Sunday Feb. 6	Hockey Excursion - Buffalo N.Y. Sabres vs. Boston Bruins Tickets at S.A.C. (lower blues, upper blue, orange) Free Bus Transportation.	

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The French Ambassador to Canada, Jean Beliard, spoke to the Welland branch of the United Nations Association Jan. 26 on the need for nuclear disarmament. After the speech, he stopped to speak to members of the audience.
(Photo by Cronin)

Ambassador backs nuclear defence

By DIANE UJFALUSSY
Staff Writer

France is going to keep her defences until she is absolutely sure all use of nuclear weapons has disappeared, Jean Beliard, French Ambassador to Canada, told the Welland chapter of the United Nations Association Jan. 26.

M. Beliard is an illustrious diplomat and an outstanding Frenchman. He has been decorated with the Legion of Honour and has served as French Ambassador to Mexico and Brazil. He is a distinguished writer and the author of several books. He is married and has four children.

Today's world is one of uncertainty and fear of nuclear Armageddon. Modern man has founded a world that is profoundly different from the world of his childhood, he said.

"Every country has principles but no country lives in a vacuum."

The French are a peace-loving, free people who live in a country whose resources are scant and old unlike Canada whose resources are many and some untapped. But France is on the same side and in the same boat as Canada—both are on the side of freedom.

TO SURVIVE

M. Beliard said France has to think of how best to survive. The general climate in which the people exist warrants either having total disarmament or the necessary weapons to be able to answer any predatory nation.

"We have been begging those countries who are overarmed to drop their level of arms to a desirable level," M. Beliard said. "We hope that negotiations between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. will eventually lead to a constructive solution."

Changes in the world about which M. Beliard was speaking were: The end of the colonial empire and the birth of 110 new nations all of which are members of the UN; the end of the invulnerability of the U.S.— the U.S. is no longer a huge impenetrable fortress; the creation of a vast empire which is two times as large as the U.S. and is the only power today which could live on its own resources—the U.S.S.R.; a possibility of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. putting an end to man; the creation of an economically united Europe.

Within the last two or three years, most countries have been in economic recession which ultimately becomes a political factor.

"We are living probably in the most difficult time in post-war life," M. Beliard said. "We don't want to rearm for rearming's sake, but to rearm to balance someone else's rearming."

UNPREPARED NO MORE

"We are opposed to unilateral disarmament," M. Beliard said. "We do not feel that the unpreparedness of the west and free nations of 1939 should be seen again."

M. Beliard said France was all in favor of the Cruise missile the U.S. has put in France if there is not an agreement between the two superpowers.

"An agreement is the answer that would prevent the horrors," M. Beliard said. "We are determined to keep our way of life, therefore to defend ourselves."

"We believe preparedness is the only way to achieve peace," M. Beliard said. "I believe the UN, through its policies, can ease tensions and gain time against death. This is the only hope...and we should hope."

Cancels clinic

The Feb. 14 blood donor clinic is cancelled, the Student Administrative Council (SAC) has announced.

Margerie Frith, Red Cross nurse running the clinic, notified SAC last Thursday saying the Red Cross staff would be attending seminars on that day and would not be able to man the clinic.

A tentative date has been set for March 31 for the clinic has not been confirmed.

Organizers Tony Rao, vice-president of external affairs, and Maria DiFelice, SAC secretary, will announce the new date as soon as they know.

SAC proposes remedy to parking lot thefts

Thefts from cars in the Niagara College parking lots are becoming commonplace and the Student Administrative Council (SAC) is trying to do something about it.

The issue came up at a recent council meeting and several proposals were made.

Henry Zupanc, vice-president of internal affairs, suggested hiring two law and security students to partol the parking lost at random times on random days.

He also suggested erecting signs announcing the fact that the lots were watched and SAC president Carmen Angi suggested a $25 reward for evidence leading to the conviction of persons involved in the theft of any private property from the lots.

The proposals must still get the approval of Dr. Nora McCardell, director of student services. Jack Spittle of property and plant services will also have to approve any SAC pans.

One theft has been reported so far this term but last term there were four in one day involving the loss of stereos and personal effects.

SAC has issued a plea for anyone witnessing any curious or suspicious activities in the parking lots to report them immediatly.

Jan. start accelerate students education

High school graduates, night school and college transfer students are given the opportunity to speed up their education through the January start program at Niagara College.

Over the past six or seven years, about 70 students each year have been able to start in January, John L. Parrett, registrar, said. The students complete the first two terms and are able to start third term in September.

January entry is offered in a three-year business administration program and a two-year general business program. Thirty-six students are admitted into each.

"We had difficulty at first filling the courses, but this year, with no advertising, we had more applicants than space available by Oct. 15," Mr. Parrett said. "We had to send word to high schools telling them that applications received after November would be too late; the programs would be filled."

By Oct. 15, the registrar had received just over 100 applications for business administration and about 150 for general business.

The entry program was first organized to aid students who because of the semester system, could graduate from high school in January, but now "most of the applicants don't come directly from high school," Mr. Parrett said. "Most applicants are graduates form other ye rs who have worked or transfer students from night school or other colleges. Many are fall-term applicants who were unable to attend Niagara College in September because the programs were filled."

Admission into the programs is decided by high school academic grades, but "applicants who applied for September classes or those who have taken night courses have an edge," he said.

The first term starts Jan. 17 and goes to the end of April; the second goes from May to June.

"It is very demanding on the students in this program," Mr. Parrett said. "There is very concentrated work in May and June."

Fifteen of Ontario's 22 community colleges offer January start programs. Some courses offered by other colleges are gerontology, precision metal fabrication and an air traffic controller program. "Most of the other colleges offer more specialized programs while Niagara College's two offered programs are more open and would appeal to a wider range of people," Mr. Parrett said.

Computer aid for faculty

Faculty interested in taking a new TV Ontario (TVO) computer course may get a helping hand from the college.

The program, TVO Academy on Computers in Education, beginning Feb. 16 for 12 weeks, costs nothing to watch, but viewers who pay $59 get instruction booklets and sample software. For $53, they get the booklets but not the "hands-on beginners' manual" and the sample software.

Dr. Nora McCardell, director of student and educational services, said assistance will be available to faculty, and the college is looking into the possibility of using computers at the college for the practical experience.

The 12 programs will deal with: the basics of operating a microcomputer; the basics of programming a microcomputer; computer languages like BASIC, LOGO, and PILOT; filing, updating and retrieving information; using the microcomputer as an accounting and teaching aid; tutorials, simulation, drill, practice programs and games used for computer-assisted learning; how computers talk to one another via networks and modems; how programs are computed and interpreted; computer graphics and computer music; videodiscs and Telidon, word processing and Visicalc and future of computer-assisted learning

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NIAGARA

EDITORIALS

Small problems increase tuition

Will student book-borrowing privileges be curtailed?

No more books. This may be the case for some Niagara College students who persist in damaging library material.

In 1982, Niagara College's tuition fees were increased. Of course the current economic situation had a great impact on the fee increase, but some seemingly small, underlying reasons also contributed to the hike in tuition fees.

Vandalism in the library is costing the college hundreds of dollars a year. What is a librarian to do to those who constantly disobey the few and very lenient regulations the library enforces for book-borrowers?

It is a shame that students abuse their liberties when using such a necessary facility. The library, its books and materials, are there for the students' benefit and for no one else's. So why cause mindless and unnecessary damage which costs the college, and inevitably ourselves, a great deal of money? There are many other more constructive places and ways the money could be used.

There is little the students at Niagara College can do to improve the world economic situation. There is, however, a great deal the student body can do to improve and conquer the library situation. If these "small" problems are not eliminated, tuition fees will continue to increase, with or without the recession.

The ball is in our court now. The library has done its part by replacing those materials damaged by vandalism and has remained open for continued use in order not to punish those innocent of any wrong doing.

Vandalism is an act of selfish irresponsibility. By no means is getting library privileges revoked a just punishment for those who deliberately destroy the college's property. This penalty is too lenient. If our library were to get really tough and exercise its real authority, library material vandals would face much stronger consequences for their immature and costly actions.

Diane De Angelo

Forms, forms, more forms

Attending college can be an exciting and rewarding experience for most students. However there are times when the thrill gets lost under the tedious and confusing job of filling out sheaves and sheaves of the forms which are required to feed the bureaucratic machine.

There are registration forms, elective forms, medical forms, change of course forms and change of program forms. Then there are the forms to fill out when students must choose another elective to replace the one they did not get in the first place. There are forms to drop out with. All forms, of course, must be done in triplicate and must have the various signatures and initials of the necessary instructors and program co-ordinators.

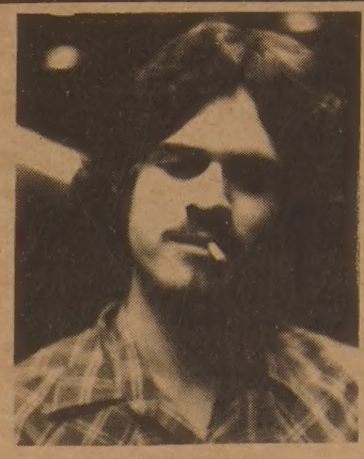
There are a number of interesting ways in which a student may receive the necessary forms. Sometimes they are mailed directly to the students' homes. Others must be picked up at the registrar's office in Hennepin Hall. Still others are hand-delivered by the program co-ordinators even though they are usually much too busy filling out program co-ordinator forms to be able to perform as mail carriers.

Class schedules were, at one time, relatively easy to read. The college's wonderful, expensive new computer system has put an end to all that nonsense. Students must now be required to read computer abbreviations and must have served at least two years in the armed services before being able to decipher the times, loctions and names of their courses.

But fear not! All is not lost. The system generously supplied students with blank schedule forms of the old order, and once the translation from one form to another is completed, the computer schedule can be consigned to its final place of honor, the garbage can.

This college must have an unlimited supply of paper and has obviously never heard of conservation. Do they think the stuff grows on trees?

Wilda Cochrane



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Bullpit

Greatest health problem puffs merrily along

By WILLIAM FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Did you know—and I don't hold my breath on this one—that we have just passed through National Non-Smoking week? It's true! No matter how much it is puffed (the right word, I think) people just don't seem ready to jump on the bandwagon. Well, here I go.

According to Dr. Eric Holowaty, associate medical officer of health at the Niagara Regional Health Unit, there are 20,700 deaths in Canada each year attributable directly to cigarette smoking.

Taken as an expression of the national figure, this means about 400 deaths a year in Niagara. Twelve people were murdered in Niagara last year and 400 yield to the cigarette.

THE HORROR

Not one to shrink from sensationalism, let me restate this horror. Smoking is, perhaps, the world's greatest health problem. And it has to be the world's silliest.

Advertisers make smoking seem like good sense and it is certainly a source of economic treasure. But the fact that never appears on billboards, broadsides, and never out of the mouths of those women who have taken up the cigarette as an instrument of liberation, is the cost of smoking—in Canada $1 billion; in Niagara $15 million.

This is a consideration of health care costs, the appalling number of premature deaths and the pervasive fire.

Dr. Holowaty said that 48 per cent of Canadian men and 32 per cent of the women smoke. Of the smokers, something like 38 per cent cannont kick the habit. Not a happy situation.

By 1989 lung cancer will surpass breast cancer as the commonest cause of death among women.

PITY NON-SMOKER

And while actual smoking is the focus of most concern, pity the poor non-smoker enveloped by the smoker's passion.

If you live with a chronic smoker your chances of a cancer-related death increase 100 per cent. Passive smoking is insidiously dangerous. Remember, they have identified 4,000 chemicals in cigarette smoke.

So what do we do?

It is nice to know that smoking peaked 20 years ago. It is not nice to know that most people begin to smoke before they are 20 and that 50 per cent have had the first puff by 12.

The interagency council on smoking, which sponsors non-smoking week, outlines a three-prong strategy: prevent non-smokers from starting (using education programs in the schools to wipe out the status aspect of smoking); promote clinics that help smokers reduce consumption, and insist that there must be smoke-free air for non-smokers.

Non-smokers have rights, too, and legislative action restricting smoking is a great, good cry in their direction.

The goal, you see, is to clear out the cancer wards, alleviate the misery and make the air clean again.

Noisy, rude students disturb film appreciation

Dear Editor;

As broadcasting students at Niagara College, part of our course is to study the history of film and appreciation. Contrary to what some people seem to think this is not an open class.

The first year students study film appreciation in the Hamilton Room Thursday morning until noon. On Thursday, Jan. 27, the class was learning about early sound films, and had a chance to see the Howard Hawks film Scarface.

About 11:30 people began to file into the room, talking with their friends, eating their lunch and making smart remarks about the film in progress. These students were trying to "beat the crowd" and get a good seat for the lunchhour movie On Golden Pond.

I could not believe their audacity making themselves right at home in the middle of someone else's class. They were rude and noisy and had no business being there.

I hope SAC will become aware of what's going on and keep people out until 12:10 when the film class is over, and lunchtime begins. I also hope that the students concerned realize how inconsiderate they were, and think how they would feel if a crowd were to walk into their class.

Rhonda Eckhardt
third year RTV

Letter praises student

Dear Editor:

We learn so many useful and interesting things about our College and about the "outside" world from your many writers. Diane Ujfalussy has brought, this term particularly, a truly inspirational—indeed, almost spiritual—quality to the Niagara News. We need this spirit and ability more than ever now.

Thank you.

Eric Robinson,
The Institute of Labour and Labour Management Studies

IEEE election

The 1983-84 elections for the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 12:30 p.m. in L1. These elections will be for the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer and the chairman of the Computer Society.

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Opinions / Lifestyle

Yukon adventure comes true student winters in wilderness

By NORBERT LEPAGE
Staff Writer

Living out in the wilderness, by yourself, in a cabin with no electricity, running water or money, hardly seems like the ideal situation, but for Niagara College student, Greg Garand, it was a dream come true.

Greg, a part-time student in drawing and printing, had the lifelong dream to live in a cabin out in the woods. In July, 1981, he and his 21-year-old brother, Jacques, left for the Yukon.

He left Welland in 1979 to work in British Columbia. "I came home for Christmas in 1980 and planned the whole trip with Jacques," Greg said.

The two brothers saved their money to buy the equipment they would need. Jacques joined Greg in Vancouver and on July 4, the trip began.

"I had an old '67 Ford pickup," Greg said. They loaded their equipment and left. "It took us five days to get to Whitehorse."

Loaded in the truck were a couple of guns, sleeping bags, a canoe, axes, shovels, and a gold pan.

"We stopped for a two-week canoe trip on Lake La Barge," Greg said. "It was very dangerous since the canoe was overloaded and the waves were sometimes two feet over the canoe."

No money

After the canoe trip, the brothers returned to Whitehorse without a cent to their names.

"It was really discouraging at the beginning," Greg said. "The people of the region didn't take too kindly to strangers."

But Greg is used to strangers. In 1978 he spent seven months hitchhiking and touring Central and South America. "I ran out of money and caught a plane to Miami," he said. "I had $10 in my pocket."

They looked for a job in Whitehorse but found nothing. "Hunting laws are very strict over there," Greg said. "You have to be a Yukon citizen for one year before you can hunt."

GREG'S CABIN

After three weeks, with no job or money, they sold the canoe for $600 and headed for the Teslin River where they finally found jobs at a sawmill. After a couple of days, Jacques came back to Welland.

"The job at the sawmill didn't pay much. Instead of paying me cash they paid me in materials and helped me build a cabin." Greg said.

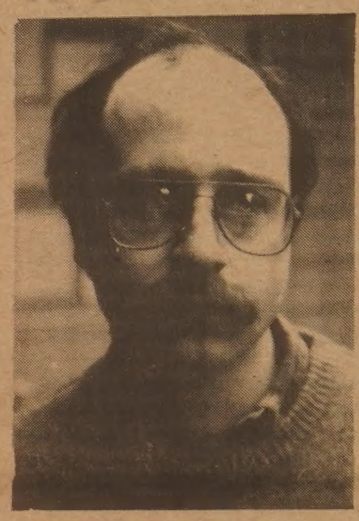
The cabin, which was finished at the beginning of September, was situated near the shore of Teslin Lake. A few days after its completion he found a little puppy near the sawmill.

During October, Greg spent most of his time getting ready for the long winter ahead.

"I cut five cords of wood which I piled by the side of the cabin and built myself a wood stove out of an old barrel to keep myself warm."

In November, everything froze. The sawmill closed down because of the sub-zero weather and once again he was unemployed.

At Christmas—when the sun rises at 10 a.m. and sets at 4 p.m.—he spent the evening in his cabin with some friends who lived nearby.



GREG GARAND

At the end of January they tried to heat the sawmill but it caught fire. It was rebuilt in February.

"In March and April I worked for a special government project called Land Improvement District to Help the Community," Greg said. "After that it was back to the mill."

In May he moved out of his cabin and found himself an old bus. He parked it near the lake and stayed there till the end of June. "I was a real beach bum," he said.

"While I was living by the lake the Indians gave me a job cutting wood," Greg said. "Usually the Indians cut their own wood, but they were too lazy and gave me the job."

Left with dog

He left the Yukon at the end of June with his dog, George, and took a plane from Whitehorse to Toronto with a stopover in Vancouver. When he arrived in Toronto he discovered his dog was still in Vancouver.

"He ate the ticket," Greg said. George, a mixture of coyote, husky and German shepherd, then flew to Toronto and had to take a limousine—by himself—to Welland.

Summing the entire venture Greg said, "The experience was fantastic. I didn't get rich, but I realized my dream."

"I wouldn't do it again, but I do have a couple of dreams left," he said.

For the time being he is trying to get a portfolio together for September. "I want to go to art school," he said. "I'm not sure which one, but Toronto looks good."

Business grad back working for college

By GLORIA RIZZUTI
Staff Writer

SANDRA HUPPE

She still comes to Niagara College everyday even though she graduated two years ago.

Students hope to find jobs in their fields after they graduate but not many expect to find them at the college from which they graduated.

Sandra Huppe, 30, programmer analyst at the college, graduated from the general business data processing program in April. 1981. In September of 1981, she found herself back at the college, but not as a student. This time she was support staff employee.

Mrs. Huppe's job consists of writing programs for the school of business faculty, administaration, and she does administration-type programs for her superior, Andy Ferguson, chairman of applied management and mathematics. **She helps students with the terminals in the computer room and she is responsible for the micro**computer equipment in L14, Lundy building.

LIKES STUDENTS

She likes the idea of working with students and people but she also gets to do computer programming, which is what she wanted and what she was trained to do.

She says she was restricted to where she could work after graduation because she was married and living in Port Colborne. She was worried she would get "stuck working by herself" without people around, she said. At her job at the college she gets the "best of both worlds."

Mrs. Huppe says she has never noticed any reactions from her coworkers because she is a former student.

"My age may have had a difference," she said, in a friendly, cheerful voice.

However, she did find it unusual at first to work with people who were at one time her instructors. "Suddenly, you're on the other side of the fence."

LEARNS MORE

She said she learned a lot while she was a student at the college, but says she has learned more as an employee, one reason being the new computer installed in the college over the summer of 1981, which changed the system.

After graduating in April, 1981, she worked for Canadian Racing Plate Company Ltd., in Niagara Falls. Her job there did not consist of programming but operations she said.

After working there for awhile she heard about a job opening at the college through her sister who worked in continuing education; she applied and was hired. She started working at the college on Sept. 21. She says she liked the college when she was a students and was happy to be hired on staff.

ALWAYS LEARNING

Computer programming is a field in which the programmer is always learning more, she said. The more she learns, the more she finds she does not know, Mrs. Huppe said. "Things exist that you didn't even know existed."

It's not the type of job a person leaves behind when she leaves for the day, she said. "Changes occur so fast. It's a field where you're constantly expanding."

Because of this, Mrs. Huppe doesn't know her career plans for the future. But, for now, she is content where she is working and says she enjoys her job at the college a lot.

English elective

The English division will run an additional section of Effective Reading beginning Tuesday, Feb. 1, because a number of students need an elective to graduate in the spring.

"There are probably a dozen or so students on campus who will not be able to graduate due to a lack of an elective and we hope this course will help them out," Mike Collins, English teacher, said.

This course will count as an English or general elective and there will be no cost to full-time students.

The course is designed to improve reading comprehension, speed and study skills.

Effective Reading begins Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in S105A. The course will last 12 weeks.

It is also open to the community for a credit course or special interest course at a charge of $28, which is tax deductible, Mr. Collins said.

Joint career night for Brock & Niagara

Niagara College's Chemistry Club and Brock's Science Club are holding their first joint career night for all chemistry students tomorrow in the Secord Room.

A panel of guest speakers from various chemical fields will talk about their professions. A question and answer period will be held after their lectures.

Students will have a chance "to realize what career opportunities lie ahead," Dave Gatt, third-year chemical technology student and president of the Chemistry Club, said.

The two clubs hope to have at least six speakers, including Dr. Carol Drury from Shell Oil, a speaker from the Vineland Research station, an independent analytic chemist and a technologist at Ontario Paper.

We are "hoping for" a speaker from the nuclear industry, Dave said. We have "one in line but it's not confirmed yet."

They are expecting a representative from Inland Waters research.

Representatives from the Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC) should also be there.

This Career Night, a first for the Chemistry Club, will be similar to the annual Career Night held by technology students. It will begin at 7:30 p.m.

CBC filming French welding

A film crew from CBC's Channel 25 was at Niagara College's main campus last Monday night to film the new French welding program for a segment on Ce Soir.

Ce Soir is a news, sports and current affairs program which airs every weeknight on CBC's Radio Canada, Channel 25.

"They heard about the French welding program and called to ask what was special about it," Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French languages Services at Niagara College, said.

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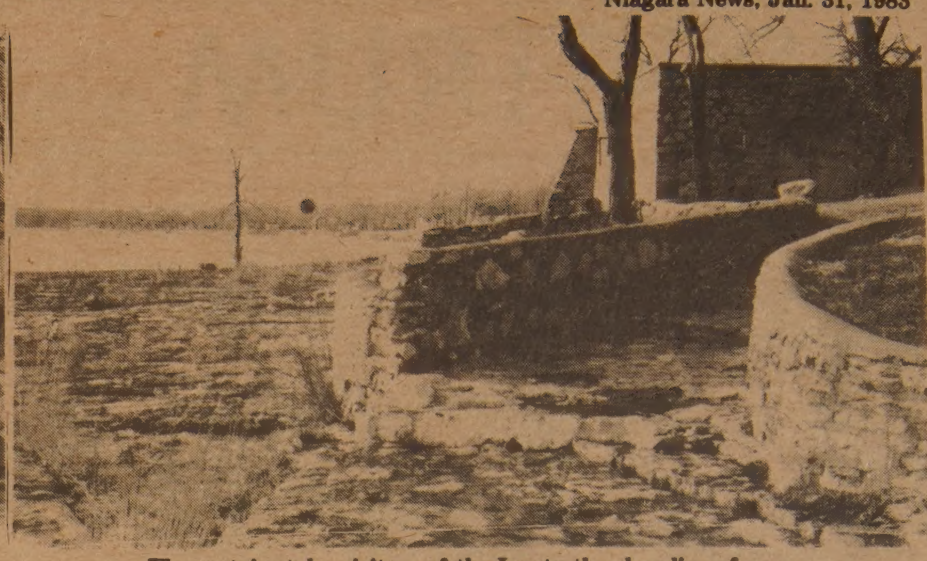
Perched on the north shore of Lake Erie, six kilometres west of Port Colborne, the Rathfon Inn ages gracefully. Originally built as a farm home, the Rathfon Inn now treats city dwellers to a touch of country. The dining room overlooks the lawns and lake. (Photo by Kobryn)



These stairs take visitors of the Inn to the shoreline of unpredictable Lake Erie. The beach provides excellent opportunities for camera buffs, or a relaxing walk while watching the gulls soar. (Photo by Kobryn)

Rises from humble beginnings, triumphs with charm, mystique

By LINDA KOBRYN
Staff Writer

It sits almost the same way it has for 186 years. Owners come and go, it is renovated, but it retains its charm and mystique. Quiet, sedate Rathfon Inn is surrounded by nine acres of manicured lawn, and enclosed by a four-foot grey limestone wall.

From its humble beginnings as the home of a Mennonite farmer in 1797 to its present day title as a country inn, the Rathfon has weathered the ravages of time and use beautifully.

The Rathfon Inn is listed in Ontario's brochure of Country Inns and Dining as being six kilometres west of Port Colborne off Highway 3 at the end of Rathfon Road. The Rathfon is off the beaten track and well worth the extra few kilometres.

The original home, with walls more than a half a metre thick, was built by Michael Graybiel from Pennsylvannia.Mr. Graybiel was a tax collector for the Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada, John Graves Simcoe, who stayed at the farm when he came to pick up the money. Seven generations of the Graybiels lived out their lives in the stately old home. James Bruce, Earl of Elgin and Governor-General of Canada between 1846 and 1854, stayed here while investigating a tiff over the waterways between Canada and the United States.

The Augustines were the next family into the home. The Augustines married into the Rathfon family. It was one of the Rathfon children that sold the farm to a Buffalo financier for a summer home.

The Rathfon family sold the farm to a Buffalo financier for a summer home. He added a four-car-garage and the limestone wall that surrounds the estate in 1925. Mr. Hyndman lost his money in the crash of 1929 and the home was boarded up and left to rambling ghosts.

Local history talks of police finding a still in the deserted house during prohibition for making mash to send to the United States.

The Zielskis bought the stately old home in 1941. They joined the garage to the house; electricity was put in and the porch was enclosed which created a dining room overlooking the lake and gardens. the Zielskis served lunches and dinner and had a few summer guests. From this humble beginning grew the present country inn known as the Rathfon.

The Rathfon is owned today by retired Port Colborne lawyer Fred Cash and his wife, Roberta. The inn which is again undergoing refurbishing still retains its country charm. "Not in the sense of hand-hewn beams, but quiet contry living and that's the way we want to keep it," Roberta said.

The dining room has a pleasant white and green decor with pots of ivy hanging in the windows and potted palms artfully placed next to brilliant poinsettias. The total feeling is one of complete relaxation: no phones ringing, no dishes clattering and a cheerful waitress to serve you. The food is delicious and the heaped plate disappears as you relax in spite of yourself.

The solid maple furniture of the bedrooms speaks of a time gone by. The rooms are not like the Holiday Inn look-a-likes; each has its own personality. The waves lapping on the rocky shore remind you of you had a time to stop and smell the roses.

"City people love it here," Roberta said. Camera buffs stalk that elusive, perfect photo among the driftweed, the gulls and the coves of unpredictable Lake Erie. "Middle-aged people come and bring their books" to spend a quiet time away from the kids and get reaquainted.

Whether you're a history buff or a victim of the hectic pace that you want to escape from for a while, the Rathfon Inn is the place to spend a week, weekend or just enjoy a relaxing dinner.

Executive named for International Dinner

Greg Patterson, second-year hotel-restaurant student, was elected co-ordinator for the 1983 International Dinner.

Plans are beginning for the International Dinner, an annual event prepared by the hotel students. A few countries are picked and a variety of their foods are prepared from that area, Chris Lott, president of the Junior Branch and vice-president of the Hotel Club, said.

Executive members are: co-ordinator, Greg Patterson, second-year; assistant co-ordinator, Barry Wright, second-year; bar manager, Gabe Gagliardi, second-year; chef, Joanne Lefitri, third-year; sous-chef, Rick Gibbs, second-year; dining room manager, Helen Ketterer, second-year; public relations, Carmen Morinello, first-year; decorator, Karen Berg, first-year, and Pat Theal, first-year and hosts and hostesses, John Fulger, Loretta Ciganana, Bev McKay, Cathy Tekatch, all second-year students. "Any hotel student can help with the dinner because there is various things to do," Tom Keppy, vice-president of the Canadian Food Service Executive Association (CFSEA) said. "Some students are too busy with school work to help out."

The event usually has a turnout of about 225 people, Chris said. Tickets for the dinner are sold in advance and the event is open to the public. Information regarding ticket sales has not yet been determined, Chris said.

Draw sends students to Toronto

Funds from a draw conducted by the Canadian Food Service Executive Association (CFSEA), Niagara Falls campus, helped raise money to send 33 hotel-restaurant management students to Toronto for a weekend.

The draw, held Jan. 21, made $200 for a trip to Hospitality Update at the Royal York on Jan. 28 and 29.

"The trip was open to first, second and third year students in the program," Chris Lott, vice-president of the Hotel Club and president of the Junior Branch, said. "Any college that has to do with hospitality industry can go."

Events during the weekend organized by Ryerson students included talks by winery representatives, demonstrations and 16 speakers from the hotel industry.

The three prizes for the draw were: a case of wine won by Wanda Nelson, third-year hotel student, a bottle of spirits won by Tom Laslo, and two pizzas won by Eileen Nashford. Second and third prize winners are not Niagara College students.

Happy Anniversary, Jaycees, Jaycettes!

Jaycees and Jaycettes are celebrating their 44th anniversary in Welland and their 60th anniversary in Canada from Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, Carmen Angi, Jaycee promotion co-ordinator, said.

The groups will be holding introduction nights for those who are intereted. Jaycees will meet Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Niagara Credit Union on Niagara Street. Use the back entrance.

Jaycettes will meet Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Credit Union as well.

The organization's brochure says there are three main reasons why young people between the ages of 18 and 39 join: self-improvement, community involvement and fellowship.

"Your experience as a Jaycee makes you always relate back to your personal life, whether on the job or at home," Carmen said. The most recent project they are involved in is the Peter Pride program for vandalism prevention.

"We are trying to make children more aware of the damage they're doing and to make them more responsible," Carmen said.

The film, A Kid's Case Against Vandalism, is going to be shown to elementary and secondary schools.

The Jaycees and Jaycettes are also responsible for the Holiday for the Handicapped excursion each year at Pauline McGibbon School, for raising funds for the Jaws of Life, and for an annual blood doner clinic.

"It's not all work," Carmen said. "There's a good balance of work and social activities."

Anyone interested in learning more may contact Carmen, or call Larry at 735-8500 for Jaycee information and Grace at 835-2130 for Jaycette information.

We're sorry...

The Niagara News apologizes to its readers for being late with this edition, Vol. 13, No. 9, due to be published Monday, Jan. 31, 1983.

A breakdown in the newspaper's new Compugraphic MCS 8204 typesetter and lack of parts in the company's Mississauga service department were responsible. The Niagara News was told the company had to order the part—a circuit board—from the United States. Compugraphic did not even inform the Niagara News of the delay for obtaining the part until it was telephoned. The company had promised delivery of the part by courier on Thursday.

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Women in welding: Why not? They need trade exposure

By VANESSA BATCULES
Staff Writer

A thick, almost luminous, blue cloud hangs heavily in the air of the welding shop. Students carry out their assigned tasks as sparks from their torches fly about them.

The instructor calls the class over to a huge, grimy metal work table to explain a fine point of welding. As the welding visors are flipped up, one suddenly realizes that the students are women. Women in a welding class? Of course, and why not?

The women are enrolled in one of Welland Vale's most recent additions to the curriculum, the Women into Trades and Technology (WITT) program.

WITT was initiated in April, 1982, and grew out of a shorter, eight-week program called Introduction to Non-Traditional Occupations (INTO) which was offered for five years. It was felt the women needed more exposure to trades and the course was extended to 18 weeks, creating the present WITT program.

WITT consists of one-week introductory courses for women, in trades such as welding, masonry, crpentry and electronics. It also includes a math refresher course and basic human relations courses such as assertiveness training, goal-setting and Wen-do, a self-defence course for women.

Women welders at work

RE-EDUCATE WOMEN

The program is designed to encourage and re-educate women interested in pursuing trades and technology training, paving the way for post-secondary training in these programs. Also it will help to expand opportunities for individuals previously unemployed or underemployed in "traditional" occupations.

Lori Friesen, a WITT student since November, feels the course has taught her "a lot of basic skills," she said.

She is not worried about working in a male-dominatd job. "I have to support myself, and have just as many rights as they do."

Lori said the program helps deal with this aspect. "We talked a lot about how to deal with possible negative feelings from men. The program takes the fear out of unknown things and teach you how simple it is."

After completing the program the women may pursue further training through technical or skill trades offered at the college. They may also participate in an apprenticeship or employer-sponsored training program or seek employment within the trades or technical sector.

THREE TIMES A YEAR

WITT is offered three times yearly, in April, September and November. The present class of 20 women is sponsored by the Canada Employment Centre, although women may enter the program as fee-payers.

Vera Herngreen, a single parent in the program, said, "This is the only course for women who know that, as single parents working in jobs such as waitressing, they can't make enough money to properly support a child."

She said many of the women have basically the same problems as herself. "After going through school, marriage, children and divorce, you feel like you've been set adrift in the world. This program builds up your self-confidence and self-respect. That way you can tackle just about any problem that comes along."

"Jobs are tight for everybody right now," Harriet Davidson, program co-ordinator, said. "The women are encouraged to get more training until the job market turns around."

Mrs. Davidson teaches life-skills courses in the program. Tom Busnarda, technical instructor, teaches carpentry and welding. Other courses are taught by other faculty trade and technology instructors.

"There are a few problems that the women must overcome," Mrs. Davidson said. "In the heavily male-dominated trades there are a lot of set attitudes. The women must be prepared to face these attitudes and get over them."

Nuclear holocaust threat to world

By PETER CRONIN
Staff Writer

Millions of people around the world, concerned with the threat of total annihilation of everything that means anything, through nuclear holocaust, have begun pressuring their governments to end the insane nuclear arms race.

Each of the superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union, probably has the power to eradicate human life on the planet.

Despite the protest, the world is spending $550 billion a year to make still more weapons of war and military strategists are beginning to speak of "survivable" nulcear war and limited aggression.

The world leaders lined up for a chance at the podium last summer at the special session of the United Nations in New York to stress disarmament almost in the same breath as balance of power and adequate defence.

Ironically, the very leaders feeling the pressure from the protesters, are condoning the deployment of American Cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe. The U.S. is not the mad war-mongering nation the peace movement makes it out to be but is joined by the governments in all the European countries in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in realizing the need for armament suitable to meet the threat of the Soviet SS-20 missiles.

In an address to the Welland branch of the UN asociation Jan. 26, the French Ambassador to Canada, Jean Beliard, said the Soviet SS-20 missiles are aimed exclusively at Europe thereby breaking the defence link between the U.S. annd Europe which constituted the major deterrent against Soviet first-strike.

The Soviets have 900 nuclear warheads aimed directly at Europe and could destroy all installations of importance "within 10 minutes," he said.

M. Beliard and his government are in full agreement with the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Italy, Britain, Germany and the Netherlands.

"Preparedness is the only way," he said. "The situation is desperate...we are determined to defend ourselves."

Through the UN, the European countries negotiate for disarmament, "to gain time against death" but "unilateral disarmament is not the answer."

"We have no choice but to demand that these incredible means of destruction be removed," he said. "We have no means of defending ourselves."

Option Zero, a disarmament scheme which would involve the scrapping of the NATO plan to deploy medium-range missiles in Europe, also calls for the Soviets to scrap their existing missile arsenal.

The Soviets are determined to prevent the deployment because they say it will drastically alter the east-west balance of power and leave the Soviet Union vulnerable to first-strike.

The Pershing missile, if based in Europe, could reach Soviet territory in four minutes, severely cutting back Moscow's warning time of nuclear attack.

The umbrella of U.S. defence has slipped from over Europe and although the issue of nuclear disarmament has become an important one, the protection of the free countries of the world is more so.

In explaining his country's foreign policy to UN members, M. Beliard begins to expose the complicated machinations behind a workable world peace.

Peace is not too complicated an issue for the average person and of course the protests against nuclear armament are essential to control the policies of the world powers.

Disarmament is too complex an issue to oversimplify.

One of the few rays of light in an otherwise dismal future was the unilateral declaration not to be the first to use nuclear weapons made by Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko in a UN address last summer.

"If the other nuclear powers assumed an equal obligation, that would be tantamount to a ban on the use of nuclear weapons," he said.

Sniper

Instructor becomes target

Reporters are usually life's observers and recorders, but Austin Jelbert, program co-ordinator of the journalism-print program, took an active part in a real-life drama in downtown Welland Jan. 21.

Mr. Jelbert was on his way to the offices of Brown, James and Tizzard when he heard something hit the front of the Smith Stationery Store on East Main Street.

"I looked around but didn't see anything," he said.

While he was waiting in the busy office, a cat across the street drew Mr. Jelbert's attention to a second-storey window in a building there.He saw a rifle barrel and a young man who appeared to be laughing.

The rifle appeared to be pointing at a man who, oblivious to his danger, was putting money in a parking meter.

Mr. Jelbert asked a woman working in the office to call police.

Three police officers arrived and after speaking to Mr. Jelbert, entered the building. Road blocks were set up at both ends of the street.

Later, at the police station on Lincoln Avenue, where he went to make a statement, Mr. Jelbert was told what had happened in the room across the street. Three armed policemen stormed the room where they found a young man with a rifle. They warned him that one move towards his gun and they would fire.

In the meantime, Mr. Jelbert was worried about his wife who was shopping down the street.

"She didn't know anything about what was going on," he said. "I was worried that she might be fired at when she came out of the store."

It turned out that the gun was a pellet gun. A 21-year-old was charged with firing a weapon dangerous to the public peace.

"When I think about what it might have been, I....," Mr. Jelbert said; "I was frightened, I can tell you that."

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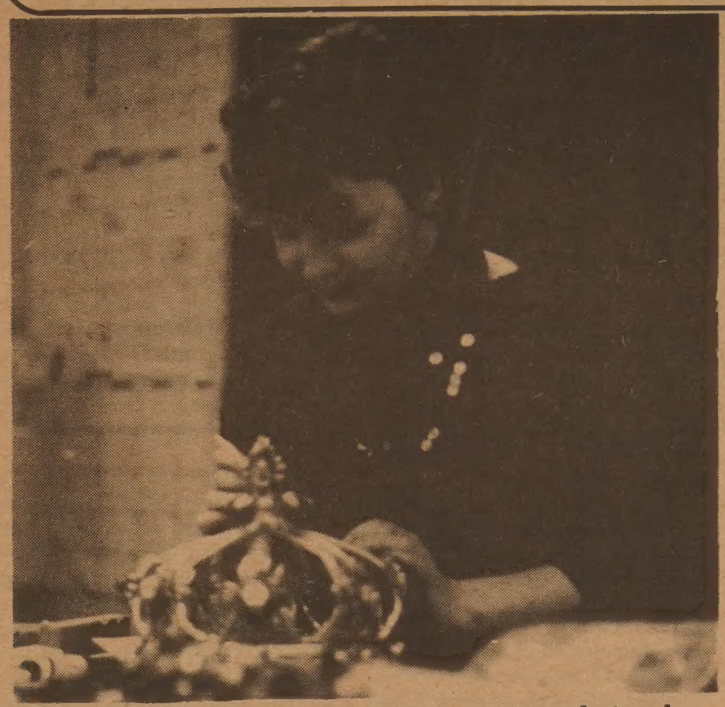


Joanne Massingham, third-year theatre arts student and costume co-ordinator for the Niagara College Theatre Centre's production of Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii, fixes her attention to her work table in the centre's costume workshop. (Photo by Freeman)

Second-year costume majors Mitchell McKay and Dean Tedesco work away at the minutiae of costume jewelry in one of the workshops at the Niagara College Theatre Centre. The very fine and precise work done behind the scenes is often underestimated by theatre audiences. (Photo by Freeman)

Stand up, comedians

It's time for all would-be comedians to dust off their old, mouldy jokes, buy a Henny Youngman joke book, and flaunt their best Rodney Dangerfield impressions before a disrespectful Hamilton Room crowd at the first annual Niagara Amateur Comedy Hour Contest Feb. 24.

The entrants will be required to perform a minimum of five minutes and the contest is open to stand-up comedians or any other kind of comedy act.

Carmen Angi, SAC president, said the show will cost 25 cents per person and all proceeds will go to a charitable organization.

The cash prizes are supplied by SAC, first prize is $200, second prize is $75 and third prize is $25.

The judges will be Chris Lam, promoter of Yuk Yuk night at Charlie Chan's; Peter Ielo, manager of Player's One and three surprise judges who will be announced the day of the contest.

An applause meter will be used to help judge the performances of the comedians, Carmen said.

John Angi and Tony Rao are organizing the event and will be taking the names of aspirant comedians until Feb. 21, at the SAC office.

The Student Administrative Council has offered a $200 first prize plus a chance to perform at Charlie Chan's Comedy Cabaret night in St. Catharines.

Backstage art not given due

By WILLIAM FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Do we ever consider how fundamental production work is to a play? Actors arrest the attention with their command over a subject, their grace, the rightness of their relationship with the space they must share.

There is, of course, an initial response to the scene—this is part of the experience of play-watching. And an audience is prepared to be charmed by the inanimate splendors of costume and scenic design. But it is often unwilling to see them in terms equal to the acting.

This may or may not be good. The fact remains that a heap of artistic ideas is let loose backstage which are never given their due.

The co-ordination of costume work by Joanne Massingham for the Niagara Theatre Centre's production of Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii is one of those areas where art and skill are mixed away from the limelight. The play opens Feb. 14.

Joanne is a 25-year-old fashion arts graduate of George Brown College who has moved swimmingly into the third year of Niagara's drama program.

She is quiet-spoken and articulate and asked the obvious question, "Why theatre?", expresses a certain personal dissatisfaction with the fashion arts world.

Looking for a creative outlet, and with her facility and training in design, theatre was the obvious choice.

Joanne and her colleagues at the workshop have done work on other plays this season.

She explained that for The Golden Goose they were each given one or two sketches to look after. They were able to conduct the drafting, cutting, and sewing following an idea from its beginning to its end.

You get the total idea of what a design is to become, she said.

And it is this logic of design and construction which is so often under-rewarded.

With Nurse Jane it is her turn to act as a crew-head, a duty all in her year will perform. For Joanne it meant costumes, and with instructor Joan Davies busily engaged in work for the centre's special commedia dell'arte, she is very much an animating force.

"You visualize the play, see things actually occurring," Joanne said.

She is eloquent on the creative process:

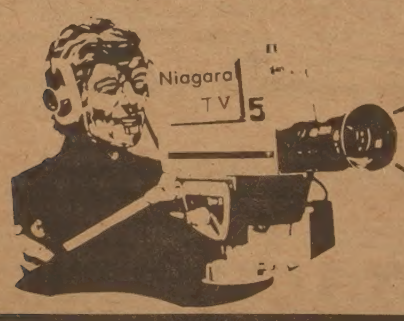
"As you read and assimilate the play, characters automatically begin wearing clothing and by the end you have a very good idea of what the play calls for.

"You're always adding and subtracting things from the mind.

The designer will take her visual version to the director and, as Joanne emphasized, counting on an articulate response to the designer's conception, a decision is made.

For Nurse Jane, Joanne works with Heath Lamberts, the comic master of his generation.

The play is not a period piece so there have been no difficulties with design. It is a straightforward play and not easy to misinterpret, she said.



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Student punches way to top

By SUE SACHVIE
Staff Writer

Looking after your weight may be important to some people but according to amateur boxer Alain Langlois' coach Bill Neill "that is the way it has got to be."

Alain, 20, a Niagara College manufacturing engineering student, is classified as a senior lightwelter amateur boxer at the Port Dalhousie Branch 350 Legion Boxing Club. "It involves many hours and much of your time," the St. Catharines resident said, "but I love it."

Although Alain, also known as "Frenchy", is no Muhammad Ali, Larry Holmes or Sugar Ray Leonard, he is a good amateur boxer. "I lost my first four fights when I first started boxing and I was ready to pack it in but my coach talked me into staying and I ended up winning the Junior Ontario which enabled me to go into the Canadian held in the Yukon," Alain said. "I got really good experience there and everything started looking up."

Travelled

Alain, who has been with the club for almost six years, has travelled to many places to fight in regular bouts as well as championships. Some of his trips include: Nova Scotia in 1978, Alabama in 1979, Ireland in 1980, and Vancouver in 1981. "The kids get more experience when they are travelling, not just in boxing but in life itself," Mr. Neill said. Alain, of 30 Dundonald St., St. Catharines, was picked in 1981 for the Canadian boxing team for a competition held in South Carolina. "It was Canada against America. I fought well and won," Alain said.

He felt he could not rely on having a professional career because "you have to be superb if you want to be good and make a lot of money. All it takes is one serious

ALAIN LANGLOIS

injury and you're fininshed. I attended Niagara College so I will have something to fall back on. I'm getting older and wiser and I realize that there are a lot of risks involved in becoming a professional."

He became involved in boxing when his brother, Guy, told him about one of his friends who boxed for the Port club. "I went to see Rocky I on a Friday night; the next day I called my brother's friend to get the adddress. Ever since then I've been fighting."

According to Alain's coach, Mr. Neill, "Frenchy has beaten the best, it's up to him to come back and do it again." Mr. Neill, who has an extensive boxing background winning several championships in Ireland, where he lived until he moved to St. Catharines, says Alain must look after his weight, his mental attitude and must think about where he wants to go. He is 20 pounds overweight and he'll have to crack down." Alain says, "I'll have to eat carrots for a week, take saunas, and do a lot of working out and running. I've done it before and I'll do it again."

Alain's exercises include running three miles, five miles on Sundays, shadow boxing, sparring, hitting the bags, skipping, sit-ups, and push-ups.

In 1979, when Alain was only 16, he fought a 23-year-old and beat him in the first round. In his second fight he beat another boxer in the first round of the semi-finals for the Golden Glove. "In the final game, I beat out one of my previous opponents who had beaten me earlier in my career and he was beating me again until I caught him with a right hand and I knocked him down. That was my greatest thrill and win because he had previously beaten me and I went out to win knowing I was the underdog."

Alain's biggest aim right now is the provincials which are being held in two months in Sudbury. "I'm training really hard for that so that I can go to the Canadian." If Alain wins, he will be entitled to represent Canada at the Pan-AM games. The 1984 Olympics will be Alain's biggest goal.

According to Mr. Neill boxing is not in itself a dangerous sport. The most dangerous aspect of the sport is the coaches—coaches who don't know what they are doing can hurt young boxers, "by letting them stay in the ring when they are really getting beaten." "I was there 475 times and I know what it is all about," Alain said.

Knights hockey team ties for first place

The Niagara Knights hockey team is tied for first place in the International Colligiate Hockey League (ICHL) after defeating the University of Rochester 9-3 at the Welland Arena Jan. 22.

The Knights are tied with the University of Rochester and Erie Community College (ECC), of Orchard Park, New York, in the ICHL standings.

This was an important win for Niagara. Rochester, the former single leaders, beat the Knights in Rochester 8-5 last term. "We really dumped on them during this game," coach Fred Bassi said.

THREE GOALS EACH

Niagara successfully took the game although they were outshot by Rochester 50-46. Each line ended up neting three goals each for Niagara.

Niagara's defence performed well throughout the game. Coach Bassi was pleased with their performance. "The defence played very well. It was the best game of the season playing as a unit." Greg Yari was commended for his play in net.

Through their own fault, Niagara was short-handed throughout most of the game. The Knights accumulated 35 minutes in penalties while Rochester's players were in the box for 13 minutes.

PLAYING WELL

Coach Bassi said the team is playing well this season. Concerning the Rochester game, it was a game played well overall, he said. "They worked well together and were trying to cut down on mistakes."

Scoring three goals for Niagara was Dave O'Laughlin. Mike Wagner netted two goals, with Andy VanOosterhout, Gary Kukoly, Jim Long and Chris Sergnese scoring one each.

Pressure is off the Knights in games with the University of Rochester this season because of the defeat. The pressure still remains for a game with ECC.

"If we beat Erie, we would be favorites in the league," coach Bassi said. The Knights do not plan to start worrying over the game yet because they have three games prior to the game with ECC, he said. Niagara will be playing the rival ECC on home ice Feb. 19 at 8 p.m.

Curlers at bonspiel

Curling coach Robert Young said he is "extremely pleased with the two mixed teams" which, along with the men's team, entered the Geogian College sixth Annual Invitational Bonspiel Jan. 22-23 in Hamilton.

The original mixed team, Niagara One, placed fourth while Niagara Two, the mixed team formed at the beginning of the term, placed 11th. Both participated in a 12-team bonspiel.

After losing 4 to 14 to Canadore and 4 to 6 to Humber, Niagara One defeated St. Lawrence 10 to 4 and ended up against Fanshawe in the finals. They lost 9 to 2.

Meanwhile, Niagara Two lost their first game 6 to 11 to Cambrian, scored eight points against Mohawk's 10 points in the next, and lost 5 to 10 to Seneca College. The team placed 11th after shattering St. Lawrence 10 to 1 in the final game.

The men's team lost to Seneca 6 to 8, defeated Cambrian 10 to 3, and was beaten by Georgian 1 to 9. Facing Centennial in the finals, they won 8 to 2 to place ninth for an over-all standing. The group, being experienced, should have placed much higher, Mr. Young said.

Niagara Two had higher expectations when they entered the bonspiel. The game against Seneca was "a bit rough," he said, and challenging Mohawk proved to be a tough battle for Niagara Two.

Mr. Young said he is pleased with all three teams despite the losses and the bonspiel provided "good work-out for them."

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SPORTS

Centennial Colts

Top-ranked basketball team edge Knights

By LOIS FERGUSON
Staff Writer

Niagara's men's basketball team lost by six points to the Centennial Colts, ranked the best college team in Canada, last Thursday night.

The Knights' coach called a time-out within three minutes of the end of the game, but it was too late. Niagara lost 62-68.

Coach Paul Deeton had a time-out when Centennial received two consecutive sets of foul shots, pulling ahead of the Knights by six points. He made a game plan which crumbled as soon as Mark Ford tossed a long shot to Don Campbell who tried to shoot from at least 30 feet away. The buzzer sounded, the ball hit the bleachers behind the backboard, and the Knights had been defeated.

The ill-spirited Colts came to life within 34 seconds of the end of the game to nip Niagara. The second half was taut. The Knights took the lead 49-44 within 10 minutes of the period. Phil Mosley was playing well and had a forceful attack on Centennial while the latter tried to intimidate their opponents with defence. Yet, Niagara was not backing down. Although they made several mistakes the Knights were consistent and excellent in shooting.

Towards the end, both teams began shooting quick, individual baskets. No longer did they depend on their team-members to help them. Centennial, with two baskets and foul shots, defeated Niagara.

The first half ended in Centennial's favor. At the beginning, the Knights kept a constant lead but had difficulty handling the ball on rebounds. They had two technical fouls and for a few minutes, led by one point. After a series of ties in scores, the Colts led and the Knights tried in vain to shake off their tough defence. Players were complete in their concentration and hardly noticed lack of defence directly beneath the basket.

Compared to the second, the half was slow but each team was using every technique and escaping with a few until the other perceived its strategy. Most of Niagara's initial points came from the foul line. The Knights deserved a pat on the shoulder for their mature, aggressive attack on the Colts.

DON CAMPBELL

Don Campbell, scoring 15 points, was overpowering as he performed with velocity, variety, control and as if a strong wind were blowing behind him. His rebounds were superb and, backed by Paul Weller who also had 15 points, he stole the limelight. Mark Ford who has been playing throughout entire games recently, achieved eight points, but he was impressive as were Pat Morissey and Phil Mosley. In fact, the whole team was excellent and time was against them in their attempt to come back.

Coach Deeton said Niagara played "very well at times." On the whole, the game was too tense and rapid. The athletes performed as if their lives depended on the outcome, and Centennial was rebuked several times for swearing at the referees.

From the beginning, the crowd knew the game was going to be tense. Everybody was caught up in the action and yells for Niagara were echoed at regular intervals. Centennial was probably frustrated with the spectators and several of the Colts retorted to remarks from spectators. Indeed, this was the most support Niagara has ever received at a home game.

SAC runs tennis trip

Despite Bjorn Borg's announced retirement, the Lendl, Borg, Conners, Molson's Tennis Challenge will go on and Borg will be there.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has announcd, "the excursion is still on, good seats are still available and the bus ride is free."

"This will be an excellent chance to see Borg for what may be the last time in competitive tennis," Carmen Angi, SAC president said.

"Three matches are guaranteed," Carmen said.

The bus will leave at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11 and return to the College at about 11:30 p.m.

Knights steal show

The men's Knights basketball team stole the show Thursday with a 79-67 win over the Conestoga Condores.

The ball game began after a short delay because MacLean Hunter Cable Television was not ready to begin taping as the players stepped to centre court.

After that the game was off to a good start. Conestoga swished the first basket only to give way to Niagara. After a tough break, losing the ball to the Condores through pass interception, Don Campbell made a three-point play. Sixteen minutes into the half the teams were tied at six points. The half was slow at this point.

Mark Ford was playing well under the boards, making it hard for any Conestoga man to retrieve rebounds. Conestoga was called for an offensive foul, giving Niagara an easy break where they basketed four points to take the lead 12 to 8. With concentration at a high point, Paul Weller swished two shots at the 20-foot mark.

LITTLE TALK

Although there was little talk on the court, it was evident the ball players were contemplating plays. With the help of Dave Boc, point-guard, Don managed to get three consecutive baskets. At nine minutes in the half, Niagara got clumsy. There were too many turnovers to Conestoga through pass interception. This momentary carelessness enabled Conestoga to decrease Niagara's lead to two points. The Knights then playing hard defence.

Pat Morrissey's basket from inside the key began Niagara's control for the time remaining in the half. Don made an aggressive two points, landing on a Condore, bringing the Knights lead to six points, 34-28, with two minutes left in the half. With 32 seconds left, Paul made two foul shots and Pat, after missing his foul shots, scored a basket with eight seconds remaining. Niagara ended the first half with a bang leading 39-31.

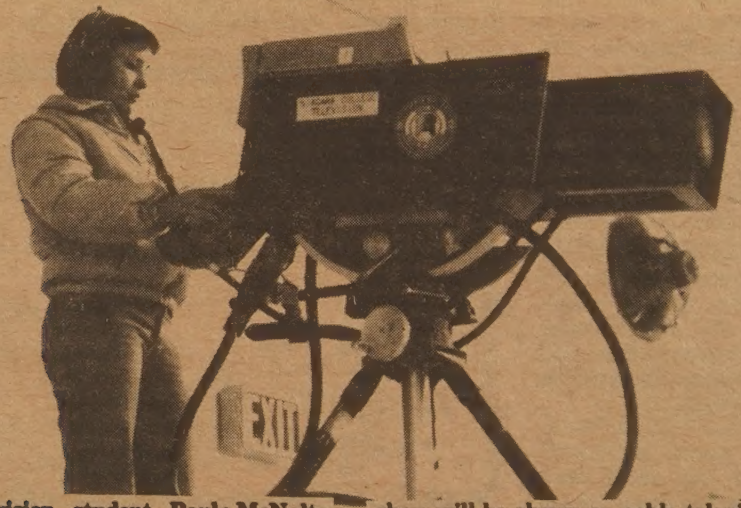
MORE FORCE

Niagara came into the second half with more force than the first. Boosting the team's morale, Don blocked a Conestoga player's shot. Don proved to be in top form shooting from the baseline with Pat playing an excellent game all around. Although Niagara let up on Conestoga enabling them to tie the game again, the Knights came back at the 10-minute mark. Niagara drew eight points in a matter of minutes to take final control.

Conestoga's downfall can be attributed to their large number of personal fouls. By game-ending, Conestoga had twice as many fouls as Niagara. This hurt the Condores' play.

Niagara successfully managed to keep their foul count down to a minimum. The Knights seemed calm and organized on the court throughout the game. This is the Knights ninth win of 15 games bringing them to fourth spot in the league.

Paul, basketing a high 24 points for the Knights, shot well from the outside. Don made 18 points with Pat, taking the spotlight playing one of his best games of the season, sank 13 points for Niagara.



Third-year television student Paula McNulty readies herself and the camera to begin shooting the Napper's boxing card held Friday, Jan. 21. The show will be shown on cable television in about two weeks. (Photo by Stewart)

TV cameras focus on boxers

By KATHY STEWART
Staff Writer

The referee steps into the ring. The announcer's voice booms over the microphone introducing two opponents. They enter thre ring from opposite corners, touch gloves and return to stand ready. The bell rings and the fight begins.

Interest in amateur boxing is growing in many Canadian communities; Welland is no exception. Napper's Boxing Club in Welland held an amateur boxing card Jan. 21 at the Club Sockal. The turnout was good and excitement ran high.

Niagara College's television crew was there to cover the event. Brian Hostick was the host, Attila Laszlo, producer, and Jamie Saunders, director. "None of the kids including myself has ever done boxing," Paul Davoud, television instructor and executive producer, said.

About 250 people showed up to support the local boxing hero of Welland. Fourteen boxers from Niagara Falls, Toronto, Rochester, Hamilton and Buffalo competed with local talent.

Each bout lasts three rounds unless it is stopped by a referee or coach/trainer. If the boxer is mismatched, the fight is stopped and the decision goes to the boxer who would have been able to continue the fight. A boxer may have to fight someone older or more experienced than himself because matches are arranged by weight. Matching the boxers for bouts is left to the coach/trainer.

Judges must be authorized by Boxing Ontario, the amateur boxing association of the province. The announcer, a regular at ringside, was Tony Unitus.

Napper's Mike Charette, Curtis Sdloski, Mimi Murcuri and Denis McNeil won their matches by unanimous decision. Jimmy Hope, boxer in the main event, won by retirement in the third round. The trainer, afraid Jimmy would injure his boxer, withdrew Jimmy's opponent from the fight.

The card will be televised on any cable station interested in airing the show. "We supply the cable companies with various programs," Mr. Davoud said.

A full crew, 12 to 15 people, was used when covering the card, Attila, the producer, said. A crew is make up of third-year television students and sometimes a first or second-year student.

Most of the equipment, cameras, video recorders and microphones are connected to the mobile van outside the building.

"It is a television studio in a van," Attila said. Headsets with two-way microphones are used for communication from the van to the building. Instructions are given by the director in the van to the others inside the building.

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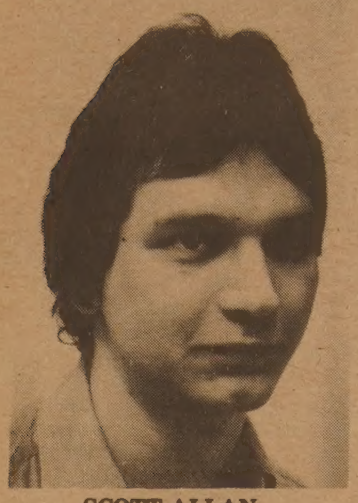

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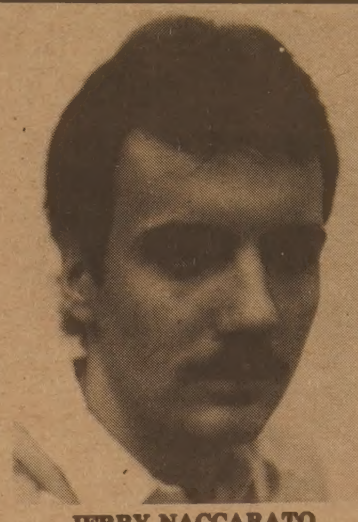

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Stories

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Lois Ferguson

Four players

Men's Basketball team close-knit group

You probably see them in the gym. Those tall, seemingly self-assured men's basketball players not only wear Niagara Knights' shirts. They engage in other activities. Here is a chance to know four of them better.

Scot Allan, Jerry Naccarato, Mark Ford and Mark Thomson think the men's team is a close-knitted group which sometimes stick together as athletes.

"We could be closer in socializing," Mark Thomson, 20, said. He is a second-year electrical engineering student and his ultimate goal is to be successful in financial and family aspects.

"It's hard to rate myself as a player because rating depends on the position I play," the curly-haired athlete said. "The team could do a lot better and sometimes we tend to get out-hustled by other teams because we don't go after what we want."

Mark says basketball takes up much of his leirsure time and sometimes affects his academic studies. He like country and western music and says he has no particular hobbies.

Jerry and Mark Ford are first-year students but they have already make headlines with the team. Jerry, 19, is in journalism while 20-year-old Mark is an accounting student. Jerry plans to get married within the next three years. A hockey and football enthusiast, he enjoys collecting posters and hats. He thinks his "team-mates are great and have great potential but should be more united."

Jerry likes college and said there are more people and good friends here than at his former high school. He enjoys new-wave and music from the Commodores and Phil Collins.

Mark, known as Juice, lives in St. Catharines and started playing basketball in Grade 11.

"I never liked playing basketball but I liked watching people play," the quiet student said. "I think of myself as an average player."

People who have seen Mark perform on the court may disagree. tall and swift, he has excellent rebounding reflexes and collects high scores.

Mark reads science fiction and plays football. He thinks college is better than high school because each student is resposible for his own life

Scot likes hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and reading science fiction.

The 23-year-old industrial management student first played basketball in Grade 9. His goal in-life is to get a "well-paying job and be married with a couple of kids."

Scot said he chose his program becsue he worked in factories all his life. Once a student at the University of Waterloo, Scot thinks students are spoon-fed at Niagara College.

About the team, he said; "It's one of the best I have played with for skill and ability. Everybody can play at anytime." His team-mates are "a great bunch of guy, a little weird at times, but a close group."

Scot said his major weakness in basketball are rebounding and speed. He has always been a good shotter, he said.

Inside story

Women players talk about team

Scurrying feet, flaying arms and panting athletes race up the court while the ball bounces on hard concrete. After the game, they either hoot with joy or grit their teeth in disappointment.

Dawn Sherar, Nancy Mather and Janice Hogeveen are members of Niagara's basketball team. They play as a team but each has an individual personality.

"I need to be involved in something and it has been like that ever since I started sports," Dawn said, referring to basketball as a major part of her life. "I don't sit at home and read books."

The second-year data processing student started playing basketball eight years ago and has acquired more than 10 trophies. A Chippawa resident, she likes hockey, volleyball and music.

Dawn, 20, says she never goes to movies and, like Nancy and Janice, she enjoys the team. "I think we have more talent than last year and we should be able to make it to the Ontario finals," she said. Her weaknesses—"an average player"—are speed and rebounding, she said.

Nineteen-year-old Janice loves children and all sports. She is a first-year early childhood education student and plans to further her education at Brock University after graduation.

Janice said she improved as a player since she joined the team. Her parents have two sets of twins including Janice and her brother.

"I like kids, that's all," the Welland citizen said. "I like punk, too."

She enjoys Niagara College because of each student's independence. "It's good playing with Niagara," she said. 'I am glad I made the team."

Women's Liberation has good motives and if a women wants to play traditional men's sports she has the right to do so, 20-year-old Nancy said. "There is much talk about personal freedom, but people don't have the incentive to do something."

A second-year sales and merchandising student, Nancy started playing basketball in Grade 9. She likes classical music and thinks new-wave and punk are flickering flames to pass away soon.

"I like Niagara," she said. "If you get along well with your teachers and they with you, it makes work a lot easier." She thinks college is much too easy.

"I don't think multiple choice tests are a very good way to test a person's intelligence," the sports enthusiast said. She feels sports relieve tension and keep teenagers out of trouble.

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Carol Burnett and Elizabeth Taylor are surrounded by photographers, reporters and fans as they make their way to waiting limousines after their arrival at Toronto International Airport Jan. 23. (Photo by Hoover)

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Taylor

I had to see for myself that she was not what the papers said she was, that she is not the bitch they make her out to be.

11 YEARS OLD

I decided to start clearing up the press image of her when I was just 11 years old. I knew what I had to do. I had to write to her.

In my unpolished grammatical style and almost illegible 11-year-old writing, I wrote my heart out to her, mailed the letter and started to hope. When she answered, I knew what I had believed was true, her kind comments and the time she took to write the letter enforced by belief.

Nine years and about nine letters later, in my 21st year, I exchanged glances and spoke to Elizabeth—in sign language. She and Carol Burnett arrived at Toronto International Airport Jan. 23, 1983, to do a movie for Pay T.V., Intimate Strangers.

Having made friends with her chauffeur and having told him my story, he took my name and telephone number and promised me he'd talk to her about me. I didn't ask anyone to help me in any way, they just did.

MOBBED BY FANS

Because she was mobbed so badly by the press and what papers termed to be "adoring fans," she had to get into the same limousine with Miss Burnett. I was left standing at the other limousine, flowers and note in hand, all alone.

I got to the window and showed her my flowers. She said something to the chauffeur, he turned and took my flowers and note. Then, she acknowledged my gift with a nod of thanks.

If the chauffeur gave her my note, there's no doubt in my mind I'll be seeing her while she is in Toronto. All I ask is that I may have the chance to say all the things I've been wanting to say since I've been a young girl.

My collection of Elizabeth Taylor memorabilia ranges from original movie posters to books to scrapbooks and tapes. I easily have more than 6,000 articles and pictures.

NOT A FAN

I hate being called a fan though; if the people I saw at the airport are fans, forget that. When one cares about someone he does not wish to smother and crush the person, but rather give him room to breathe. I bet her fur coat has a few hairs missing.

One of the dreams I have had has partially come true. If I actually get to meet her, really talk to her, it will be fully realized.

Ask and ye shall receive? What a wonderful adage. It makes sense. I've experienced something that I never even dreamed I would. Either someone up there likes me a lot or I'm just darn lucky. Whichever, I'm grateful.

Wants actress to know someone really cares

By DOREEN HOOVER
Staff Writer

A Niagara College student was fortunate enough to meet an actress and woman she has admired for many years. Diane Ujfalussy was one of many people who greeted Elizabeth Taylor as she arrived at the Toronto International Airport on Jan. 23.

Diane, a second-year journalism student, travelled to Toronto with the hope of seeing Miss Taylor after reading an article in the Toronto Star that said the 50-year-old actress would be arriving Sunday with Carol Burnett.

"I wanted her to know there was someone at the airport to greet her—someone who really cares—not just someone who went to see if she was fat, or if her eyes were really violet, or if she looked old," Diane said.

Diane hoped she would be able to give the actress a bouquet of flowers and a note.

Diane managed to see Miss Taylor as she made her way through the mob at the airport shortly after 9 p.m. "She's more beautiful than what I ever imagined, but I could tell that the beauty wasn't of a superficial nature but rather her beauty radiated from within," Diane said. "She took my flowers, she didn't have to. She was already in the car."

Flowers

Miss Taylor had entered the first limousine before Diane could give her the flowers personally. Miss Taylor saw Diane through the car window and told her chauffeur to take the flowers and the note.

"She was looking at me through the window of the limousine," Diane said. "I thought I would faint. I wasn't thinking about the glamorous parts of her life, but of all the good she's done for others."

"I hate being called a fan. If what I saw at the airport is the epitome of what they call a fan, I don't want any part of it," Diane said. "I'm more a friend than a fan."

Many of the people who gathered at the airport for the arrival of the two actresses were there to get their pictures in the paper, see a famous person up close or were just there out of curiosity. Miss Taylor and Miss Burnett had to be guided through the mob by security and body guards, putting up with people shoving and touching them and yelling their names.

"I wasn't pulling on Elizabeth's coat like some of the people," Diane said. She wished the publicity and curiosity seekers gathered at the departure area had "bugged off."

"If they didn't care about or like her, why were they there?"

Diane's feelings about meeting Miss Taylor appeared in many Toronto and local papers. Reporters at the airport saw her flowers and questioned her about them before the actresses arrived. After the limousine pulled away, Diane was encircled by reporters and photographers getting her reaction to seeing Miss Taylor.

"I had an many lights flashing in my face as Elizabeth did," she said. "It was unreal—like a dream. I had to pinch myself."

Diane hopes to get the opportunity to meet with Miss Taylor privately while the actress is in Toronto.

"I feel she is misunderstood. Most often the press focuses attention on negative points instead of the good points of Elizabeth," Diane said. "People shouldn't be judged on how many times they walk down the aisle, but by the goodness they do for their fellow man; actually a person shouldn't be judged at all."

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"The wheels are now in motion for the necessary renovations. There has already been the approval of tenders for the purchasing of equipment," Miss Robarts said. "I expect that barring any major interferences, at least 80 per cent of the project will be complete by March 31."

The grant will also open doors to the development of new programs some of which are a welding-technician program and a ship building welder's apprentice program.

MAIN OBJECTIVE

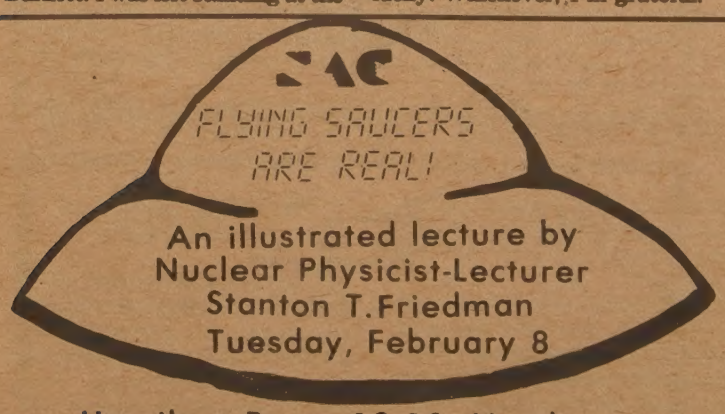
"The federal government is trying to prepare itself for an eventual up-turn in the economy," Miss Robarts said. "Therefore, there must be a supply of skilled tradesmen to meet our needs; that's why we are increasing the size of our facility. We must prepare people for an eventual upturn. The main objective is to try to get more people trained."

Dr. McCardell said the college is in a position of responsibility to both provincial and federal needs in welding and mechanics areas which make up a large portion of critical skills trades. More than 200 people in the peninsula are waiting to take welding courses.

"For some months we have retained the unenvious position of having the second highest unemployment rate in the country and this was partly the reason Niagara College was given the money," Dr. McCardell said. "We'll be looking at getting us off the ground as fast as possible."

All equipment acquired is housed in the resource centre for Skill Development at the Welland Vale campus.

"We're pleased to be able to respond to the needs of the community. The team from planning and development have been working on the proposal for over one year."



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